

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐  
no ☐

Property Name: Richard J. Hesse Farm Inventory Number: G-V-A-156

Address: 733 Pleasant Valley Road City: Oakland Zip Code: 21550

County: Garrett USGS Topographic Map: Table Rock

Owner: Richard J. Hesse et al. Is the property being evaluated a district? ☐ yes

Tax Parcel Number: 39 Tax Map Number: 91 Tax Account ID Number: 07-003536

Assess Visual Effects of Allegheny Heights Windpower

Project: Facility Agency:

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name:  Date:

Is the property located within a historic district? ☐ yes ☒ no

If the property is within a district		District Inventory Number: <u></u>
NR-listed district <input type="checkbox"/> yes	Eligible district <input type="checkbox"/> yes	District Name: <u></u>
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no Non-contributing but eligible in another context <input type="checkbox"/>		

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)	
Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	

Criteria: ☒ A ☒ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☒ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Richard J. Hesse Farm is located on the west side of Pleasant Valley Road near where Shady Dell Road joins Pleasant Valley Road. The house is sited in a slight depression and accessed by an unpaved farm lane. A line of evergreen trees defines the house lot on the east side. Open fields east of the tree line rise gently upwards affording distant views of Backbone Mountain. A hill of Little Mountain rising to 2600 feet above mean sea level blocks all views southward of Backbone Mountain. The property comprises a house, two milkhouses, a spring, two ruined chicken coops, and an equipment shed. The original large barn associated with the property and located south of the house has been removed.

The house was constructed ca. 1890 and appeared in this approximate location on the USGS Oakland quadrangle map surveyed in 1899 and published in 1908 (USGS 1899, 1908). The main house was described in 1981 as vertical plank construction and is clad with horizontal wood siding with cornerboards. Asphalt shingle siding was noted in the upper north gable end. Recent renovation work includes the installation of vinyl siding on the west elevation. The house comprises two, two-story sections. The three-bay by one-bay west section intersects

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Comments: <u></u>	
<u>Andrew Lewis</u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>4/7/05</u> Date
<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, NR Program	<u>4/7/05</u> Date

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perpendicularly with a two-bay by one-bay section on the east to form an L-shaped ground plan. The house may originally have been configured as a main block with ell, but renovated to reflect a gable front and wing form (McAlester 1990: 92). The house rests on a rusticated concrete-block foundation. The roof ridge of the east section joins the west section slightly lower than roof ridge of the west section. The roofs are sheathed with standing-seam metal and have an enclosed eave. The primary entry is located in a one-story, shed-roofed, enclosed porch that spans the south elevation of the east section of the house. The doorway to the porch contains a single wood panel door with eight lights. The enclosed porch has a concrete block foundation with one-by-one-light sliders. The older wood-frame, six-over-six-light windows in the west end are being replaced with modern one-over-one-light units. A single six-over-six-light window remains in the south gable end. The east elevation retains the wood-frame, three-over-one-light, double-hung sash windows. These windows have wide wood casings. A one-story, vinyl sided bathroom addition constructed since 1981 projects from the north gable end. This addition also contains a doorway with a modern door.

A one-story, one-bay by one-bay milkhouse is located southeast of the house along a stream from the spring. The milkhouse rests on a concrete-block foundation and is clad with horizontal wood siding. A vertical narrow-board wood door occupies the north elevation. A six-over-six-light, double-hung sash window occupies the east elevation. The front-facing gable roof is sheathed with standing-seam metal and extends over the doorway. The eave has exposed rafter ends.

The spring on the property is enclosed with a rusticated concrete-block wall. The spring provides water to the house and reappears west of the house as a source for Douglass Run.

A one-story, three-bay equipment shed is located southeast of the house. The east, south, and west elevations are constructed of concrete block; the north elevation is open. The side-gable roof is sheathed with metal over wood shingles.

Two abandoned chicken coops are located in a weedy field east of the house. The wood-frame buildings have shed roofs.

A one-story, one-bay by two-bay milkhouse is located southeast of the house near the location of the former barn. The building is constructed of concrete block. The front-facing gable roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles; the eave has exposed rafter ends. A wood door occupies the west gable elevation.

In 1981, the property was identified as the Richard J. Hesse Farm (MIHP # G-V-A-156). The Hesse family purchased the property in 1941 from the Federal Land Bank of Baltimore. Mrs. Hesse remembered that the house had been rehabilitated after it was purchased by the family (Hesse personal communication 1/12/2005). The property was owned by George and John Beckman between 1890 and 1928, when the bank foreclosed on a mortgage. The property may have been owned prior to 1890 by Henry Beckman (Garrett County deeds EZT 16:120; EZT 16:383). It is probable that the house dates from the Beckman ownership of the land.

The main house appears to date from the late nineteenth century based on the 1899 USGS map with modifications made during the mid-twentieth century. The main house has been altered so that it no longer retains integrity of design, materials, workmanship, and feeling to illustrate a type, period, or method of construction as a domestic building under National Register Criterion C. The removal of the barn and other period farm buildings have compromised the integrity of the farmstead to illustrate agricultural patterns in Garrett County from the early twentieth century (Criterion A). The house is not documented as associated with a significant person in the past (Criterion B).

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References

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Hesse, Mrs.  
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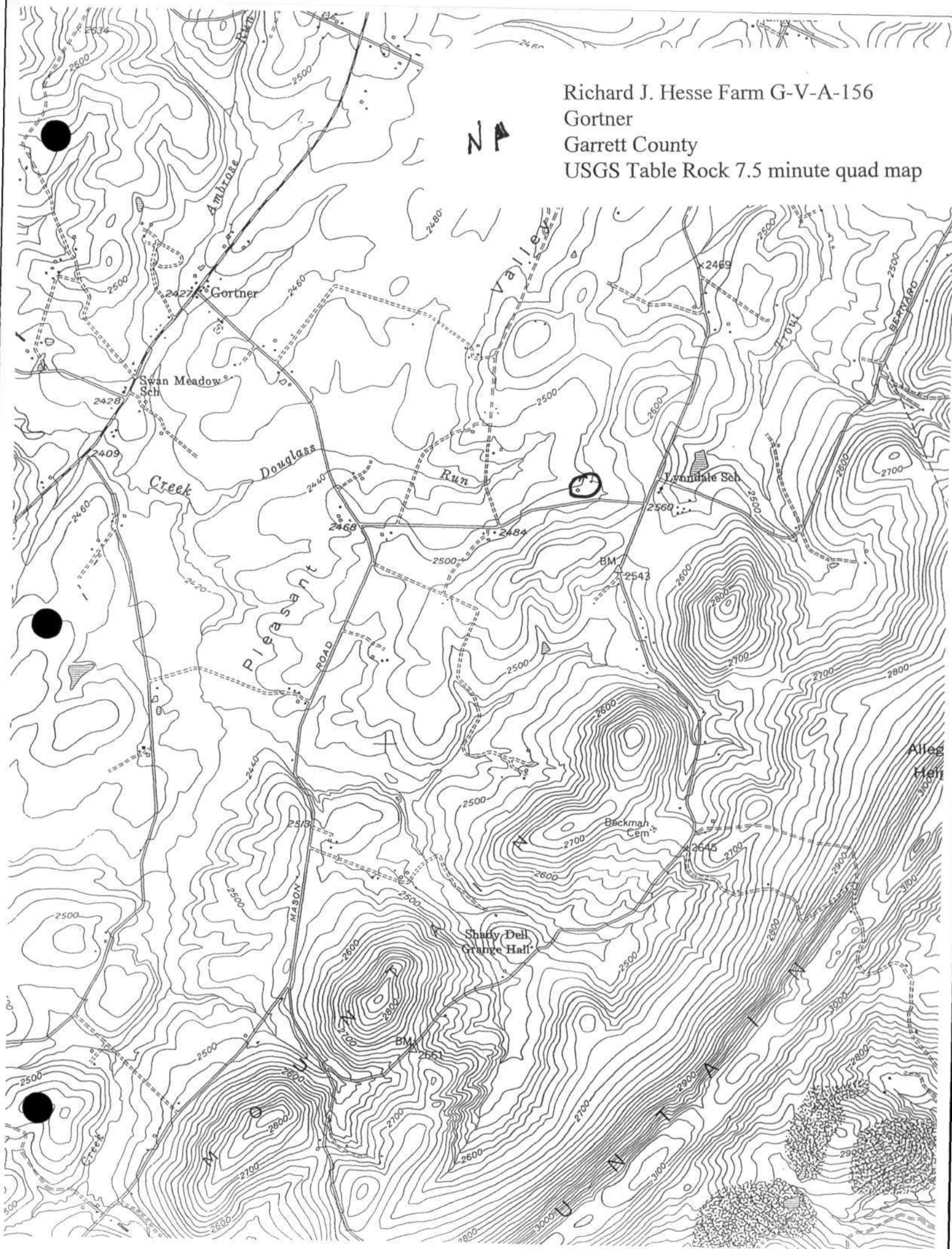
USGS  
1908 Oakland 15 minute quadrangle map surveyed in 1899 and published in 1900 and 1908.

1948 Table Rock 7.5 minute quadrangle map from aerial photographs 1946, field checked 1948.

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Date Prepared: January 2005

Richard J. Hesse Farm G-V-A-156  
Gortner  
Garrett County  
USGS Table Rock 7.5 minute quad map







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RICHARD J. HESSE FARM

GARRETT COUNTY, MARYLAND

RCGA

JANUARY 2005

MD 5740

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LOT 2



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Richard J. Hesse Farm  
Gortner  
Private

late 19th century

The Richard J. Hesse farmhouse is a two story, three bay by one bay gable roof structure intersecting a two story single bay wide wing with a gable roof, gable end front. The house rests on a rock-faced concrete block foundation. Weatherboard siding covers the house. A barn and springhouse are also located on the property.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Richard J. Hesse Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Pleasant Valley Road, approximately 3/4 miles east of Gortner Road

CITY, TOWN

Table Rock

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This verticle plank constructed house is situated in a hilly, semi-wooded area on Pleasant Valley Road, approximately 3/4 miles east of Gortner Road. The house faces southwest. It is a two story, three bay by one bay gable-roofed structure intersection a two story single bay wide wing with a gable roof, gable end front. A single story shed section with a gable end facade roof is located on the facade of the main block. A single story shed addition is located at the rear, northeast elevation of the wing. The house is entered from both shed sections.

An interior brick chimney is located at the center of the rear elevation of the main block. A central brick chimney is located on the wing. Three over one sash windows light the house with the exception of six over six windows in the rear elevaiton of the wing. The house rests on a rock-faced concrete block foundation. Weatherboard siding covers the house with standing seam metal on the roof.

A barn and springhouse are also located on the property.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is an example of a common western Maryland type. Houses of this general configuration, a rectangular main block and rear kitchen wing, were constructed in Garrett County from the late nineteenth through the early twentieth centuries.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

September 1981

STREET &amp; NUMBER

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TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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Table Rock: MD;WV  
USGS 7.5 Minute Series  
Scale 1:24,000  
1948; photorevised 1974

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Pleasant Valley Road  
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Richard J. Hesse Farm

Garrett Co., MD

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SW & SE elevations



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RICHARD J. HESSE FARM

GARRETT CO., MD.

V. CESNA 8/24/81

NE ELEVATION





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NE & NW elevations